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Transmittal of Reports on CAMUSO-3's Security Incident

REF: WGAA-487

1. Transmitted herewith are [] report on the incident (Attachment A), [] final report on the incident (Attachment B and a translation of the Augsburg Police Dossier on the Subject (Attachment C).

2. A copy of the original dossier in German will be pouched later.

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Attachment A to MGAA

Subject: []

] Report on Security Incident

1. On 25 March at approximately 1645 hours, [] entered the office of [] just as the latter was hanging up the phone. He asked [] if he knew a man by the name of (CAMUSO-3). [] said he certainly did, and [] said that Capt. MINCER, of CIC Augsburg, had just called to say that the German police were holding a man by that name who said he worked with radio in Kempten under a man whose name was similar to the name [] (which is close to the alias used by RNPILLOW), and who demanded CIC protection. CIC said they could keep him out of court if they were notified by 1700 hours. A quick call to CSOB/K enabled us to determine, from an instructor who had been at the CAMUSO's house that afternoon, that CAMUSO-3 had not been present for training. CSOB/K was asked to notify [] (in the absence of [] who was away on operational business) that we believed we knew CAMUSO-3's whereabouts. CIC was then called and told we were interested in CAMUSO-3 and was asked to deliver him to us outside the jail.

2. [] arrived at CIC Hq in Augsburg about 1945 hours and met a CIC agent named MEDLAR as arranged. After a few preliminaries, MEDLAR set out with [] in [] car, for the jail. On the way, he said that he was one of the two men who had interviewed CAMUSO-3, and that the other was an interpreter who worked for CIC. MEDLAR stated that CAMUSO-3 had said he worked in Kempten for Americans, and that one of them was named [] When [] said that the Captain had mentioned another name over the phone, MEDLAR said that he had heard no other name, but that possibly the interpreter had. MEDLAR went on to say that CAMUSO-3 had only given as much information as that because the CIC men had insisted they could not help him unless they had something to go on. He said that CAMUSO-3 had been arrested because he was on a train without a ticket and because he had no identity papers and no visible means of support. (MEDLAR, incidentally, is an American but speaks English with a German accent.) He was somewhat incoherent in speech and occasionally mumbles things to himself. He acted as though he had been drinking, although he did not smell of liquor. He was extremely difficult to question.)

3. On arrival near the jail, MEDLAR went in and shortly returned with CAMUSO-3. [] then signed, in the name of [] a CIC receipt for delivery of CAMUSO-3. [] and CAMUSO-3 then went on to a town about 40 kilometers away, called [] and proceeded to deliver CAMUSO-3 as explained in Reference. Statements he made to [] agree with those in Reference.

4. On the 27th, [] visited CIC Augsburg to talk to Capt. MINCER, a very friendly and cooperative man. During the conversation, he stated that since the procedure CIC had used to release CAMUSO-3 had been the same procedure normally followed with one of their own agents in a similar situation, he believed the German police would assume CAMUSO-3 to be a CIC agent who had come from another district so that he was not immediately known to CIC Augsburg. [] asked if he could obtain the original or a copy of CAMUSO-3's dossier from the police. MINCER replied that it had been asked for but had not been ready at the time, and that he could call [] when he could get it.

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(He called that afternoon, and [] picked it up on the 28th.) He said that he could not demand the original, and did not believe he would get it (he didn't), but that the German police would now consider the case closed and would not distribute the dossier. He said he would, in the future, maintain the illusion that CAMUSO-3 was a CIC agent, although he did not anticipate any further mention of CAMUSO-3 by the German police. He also said that his men considered CAMUSO-3 quite stupid, since he said he had a telephone number to call but claimed to remember only that it had a "2" in it, and because he could not give the exact address of his residence in Kempten. [] does not know whether CAMUSO-3 actually did forget or was just being careful.)

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Attachment B to MGA-551

Subject: [] Final Report on Security Incident

1. The undersigned does not believe that any irreparable security breach has been committed for the following reasons:

a) CAMUSO-3 was arrested in his true name. His alias is still secure.

b) Since he was released under CIC auspices in the usual way of handling CIC agents, the Germans will think that he belongs to CIC.

c) In view of the short time before dispatch CAMUSO-3 can be so controlled that German investigators will have no access to him in Kempten. He will be allowed absolutely no personal liberty for the remaining training period.

2. CAMUSO-3's Unsuitable Documentation:

Until he entered training in Kempten the subject lived legally in a DP camp in Augsburg. At that time a DP card was valid documentation. However in December 1951 the Americans took over the DP camp. At this time all DP's in the camp were given German Kennkarten. Families were resettled in a housing development in Augsburg and single people were sent to a DP camp near Czechoslovakia. The subject did not report this change to the case officers so that the case officers still thought that his documentation was satisfactory. By not going to the new DP camp or otherwise satisfactorily registering with the German officials, the subject became illegal. Moreover, since the subject is not married to his mistress he could not admit his address in Augsburg to the Police because his mistress would then be fined and lose her apartment. His mistress and his son live in the apartment. The difficulty with his mistress is that he considers her as a wife. His true wife is still in Latvia. He was about to start divorce proceedings against the first wife but gave up the plan when he entered training for security reasons. The whole idea of sending the subject to Augsburg with his true documentation was for security as regards his wife. If the subject had notified the undersigned when a change of documents was necessary, we here could have easily issued compensating documents.

3. Subjects cover:

The subject's cover is that he is a technician in a small field unit that does surveying and assessment of potential building sites under NATO auspices. But at the time of his arrest he considered it bad policy to give out the address of the operational house in Kempten. He therefore said that he was a technician for CIC in Kempten. (He had to say Kempten because he had a RR ticket to Kempten when he was arrested.) Although he should have stuck to his original cover, perhaps it was better this way since neither the Kempten operational house nor the AECOB case officers were brought into the case.

4. There is no question but that CAMUSO-3 was seriously in fault on the

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following points:

- 1) Being drunk;
- 2) Not reporting to his case officers that his status in Augsburg had changed;
- 3) Not sticking to his correct cover. However the undersigned does not consider that CAMUSO-3's connections are blown. He will be so strickly controlled from here on out that the German Police will not be able to develop the case further.

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Translation

STADTVERWALTUNG AUGSBURG
Polizeidirektion
Kriminalpolizei
6K.Tgb.Nr. 1000/52/Ko.

Place: Augsburg and Kempten

Time: In the last months

Charge: Lack of identity papers and violation of RMO gem. para 2,3,4 and 26.

Attachments: Several statements.

Family Name: (CAMUSO-3)

First Name: " "

Marital status: Married

Occupation: Technician

Birth Date: 25 July 1916

Birth Place: Abrene

Nationality: Latvian

Citizenship: Latvian

Place of Residence: Without fixed(address) residence

Previous Convictions: Alleges none

Given and unmarried name of mate: Klaudia, nee Gussus

Given and family name of Father: Peter - - - - -

Given and family name of Mother: Euchene, nee Andreo

Income: 200 DM per month

Property: None

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Subject: Translation of the Augsburg Police dossier

Translation:

Points of Law

(CAMUSO-3) possesses no valid identity documents. Moreover, subject neglected to register himself with the appropriate German official agency of personal identity documents. He therefore violated Federal Law.

(CAMUSO-3) will moreover be accused of violation of RMO regulation. . . in that he neglected to notify the police upon his departure from Augsburg in November 1951. According to several statements of (CAMUSO-3), he presently lives in Kempten without being registered with the police. The accused is not able to give a more exact address of his alleged present residence in Kempten. Through neglect of police notification, (CAMUSO-3) has likewise violated.....

Facts

(CAMUSO-3) was brought to the attention of this office by the Augsburg Railway Police on 24 March 1952 about 1630 hours. Subject was arrested by the Railway Police because he was using a train of the Railway without being in the possession of a valid railway ticket. (CAMUSO-3) subsequently turned over a ticket to the Railway Police, so that, from the point of view of criminal law, idemnity was taken because of railway fare.

After Subject was found in possession of no valid identity document and could not identify his present address in Kempten, he was turned over to this office.

At the time of his delivery, (CAMUSO-3) was senselessly intoxicated. An examination could not be carried out in this situation. It was therefore necessary that (CAMUSO-3) be committed to prison for sobering up. The whole conduct of (CAMUSO-3) also gave reason for his deliverance into police arrest for sobering up. The accused was extremely loud and unseemly in his behavior. He even went so far as to attempt to engage actively with the undersigned. With the application of extreme effort on the part of two officials, (CAMUSO-3) was overpowered and committed to police arrest.

The city police of Kempten were requested, by Teletype Message No. 1492 of 24 March 1952, if (CAMUSO-3) has residence there. Up to this time, the answer has not come in.

After (CAMUSO-3) wished to have us understand that he worked in Kempten for an American CIC office, the CIC office in Augsburg was notified and asked to inform us if that was correct. The Augsburg CIC office requested this office to hold (CAMUSO-3) so that his statement could be investigated. A report from CIC Augsburg has, up to this date, likewise not been received. As soon as this

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information comes in, a communique will follow. At the time of arrest, the accused was in possession of 70 DM. He wanted this money to be kept by an American officer.

Examined regarding the facts, the accused made the following statements:
"I understand enough German so that understanding is possible without an interpreter. I possess no German Kennkarte. Since I do not live in a DP camp, I possess no DP identification document. I have merely a certificate that I was a member of IRO. In spite of the fact that I do not live in a DP camp, I am not registered with the police. I live at the present time with an American in Kempten. I can not give a more exact address. My livelihood will likewise be borne by this American. I am not registered in an Arbeitsamt. I am not employed in a CIC office in Kempten, as I said at first, but in an Army office. I have lived in Kempten since November 1951. I did not notify the police upon my moving from Augsburg and, as I have already stated, I also did not register with the police in Kempten.

I admit that I was somewhat intoxicated yesterday. I do not know in what place I was drinking. I know that I travelled on the train without being in the possession of a railway ticket. I paid the Railway Police in Augsburg the price for the distance I travelled. I do not know why I came to Augsburg. I do not know that I stated no residence to the Railway Police, or that the residence which I did state to the Railway Police was not correct. I know that I was turned over to the Criminal Police by the Railway Police.

I can remember today that my behavior toward the Criminal Police was unseemly and that I wished to engage actively with an official.

I request that I be set free again, so that I can return to my place of work in Kempten.

I have no further statements to make concerning this affair. The statements made by me are the truth. I have given them for the record voluntarily and without coercion."

Read and signed by myself: (CAMUSO-3)

Sealed:
(Konrad) KK.

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